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The Ocean Shipping Container Availability Report (OSCAR) provides a weekly snapshot of the availability of marine shipping containers at 18 different intermodal locations for the westbound transpacific trade lanes. The data shows the availability for five types of equipment, including 20 and 40ft dry, 20 and 40ft refrigerated, and 40ft high-cube containers, and provides estimates of equipment availability for the current week and projections two weeks out. The data are voluntarily provided to AMS by six members of the Transpacific Stabilization Agreement (TSA).

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# Location Specific Container Availability Analysis

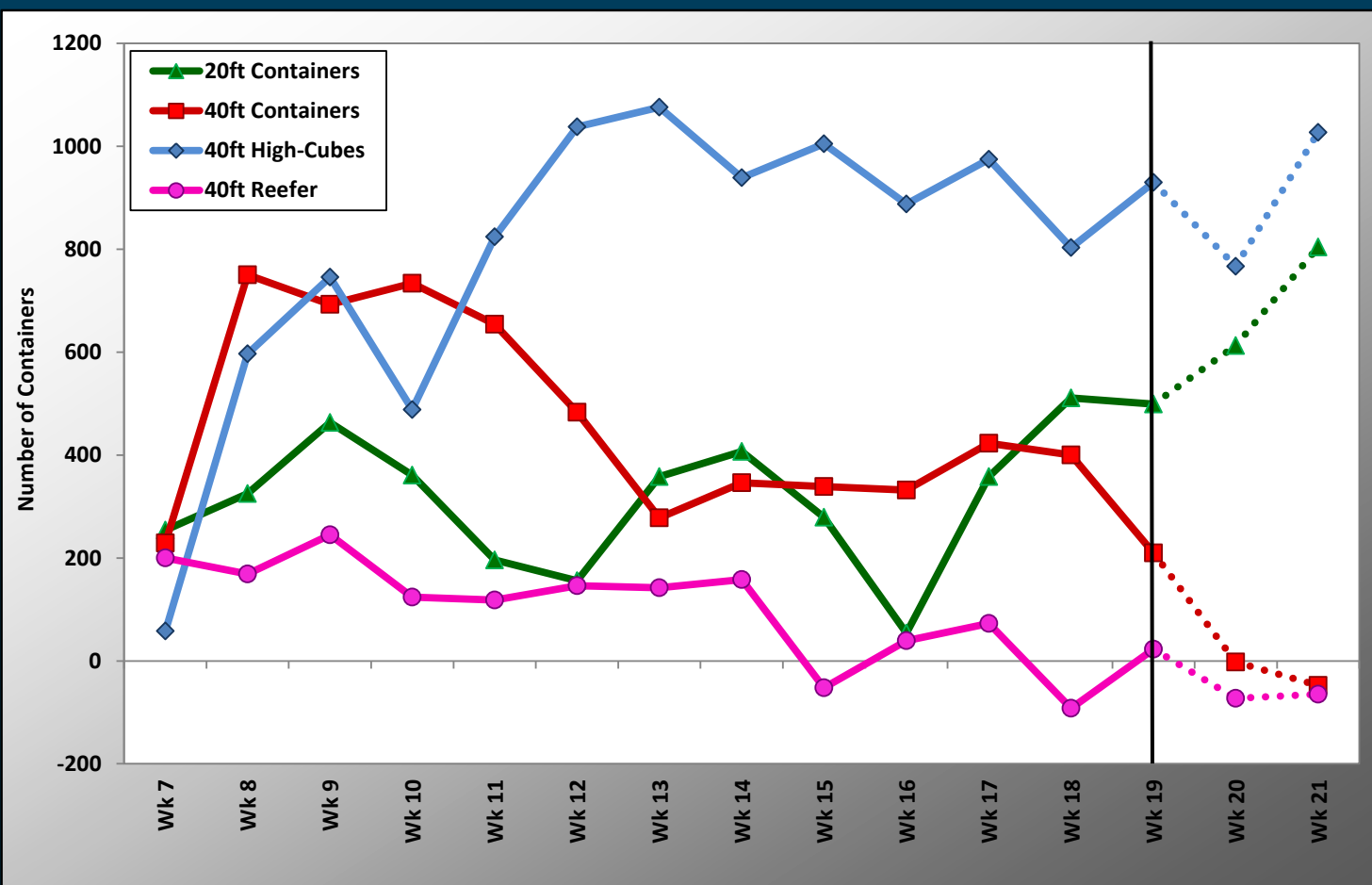
## Historical Analysis of Savannah

The Port of Savannah is an important East Coast agricultural port, ranking 5th in the country for total U.S. waterborne containerized agricultural exports in 2013. The port has been working for several years with the Army Corps of Engineers to gain approval to deepen the port channels to accommodate the larger ships being used in the marketplace today and to be able to accommodate the larger ships that may use the port after the Panama Canal expansion is completed in 2015. The final approval for the Savannah port improvements is currently pending in Congress in the new water resources development legislation. In addition to the deeper channel, the port has made improvements throughout the terminals, including new cranes, road and rail access improvements, and system efficiencies to help traffic flows.

Between April and June of 2013, Savannah moved more than 661,000 metric tons of containerized agricultural products, more than 36 percent of which were frozen poultry products. The port moved 41 percent of the total U.S. waterborne poultry exports in 2013. Cotton accounted for 19 percent, followed by animal feed at 11 percent and edible nuts at 6 percent. Agricultural exporters used 40ft containers to move approximately 85 percent of these exports. During the same period, agricultural exporters used the Maersk Line to move 22 percent of exports, followed by CMA-CGM and Mediterranean Shipping Company (MSC) at 11 percent each.<sup>1</sup>

Over the past several weeks, the availability of 40ft high-cube containers in Savannah has been strong, with small weekly fluctuations. Estimates for 40ft dry containers have been fairly flat since a drop that started the first week in March. Availability of 20ft dry containers has been on a cyclical ebb and flow over the past 3 months with a strong upswing the past few weeks. The availability of 40ft refrigerated containers dipped below 0 during weeks 15 and 18; these are the only examples of estimates falling below 0 since September 2013. Over the next 2 weeks, the participating carriers are expecting strong increases for 40ft high-cube and 20ft dry containers. However, decreases are expected for 40ft dry and refrigerated containers.

### Weekly Container Availability Estimates in Savannah, 2nd week of February (Wk 7) through 2nd week of May (Wk 19), 2014 with Projections



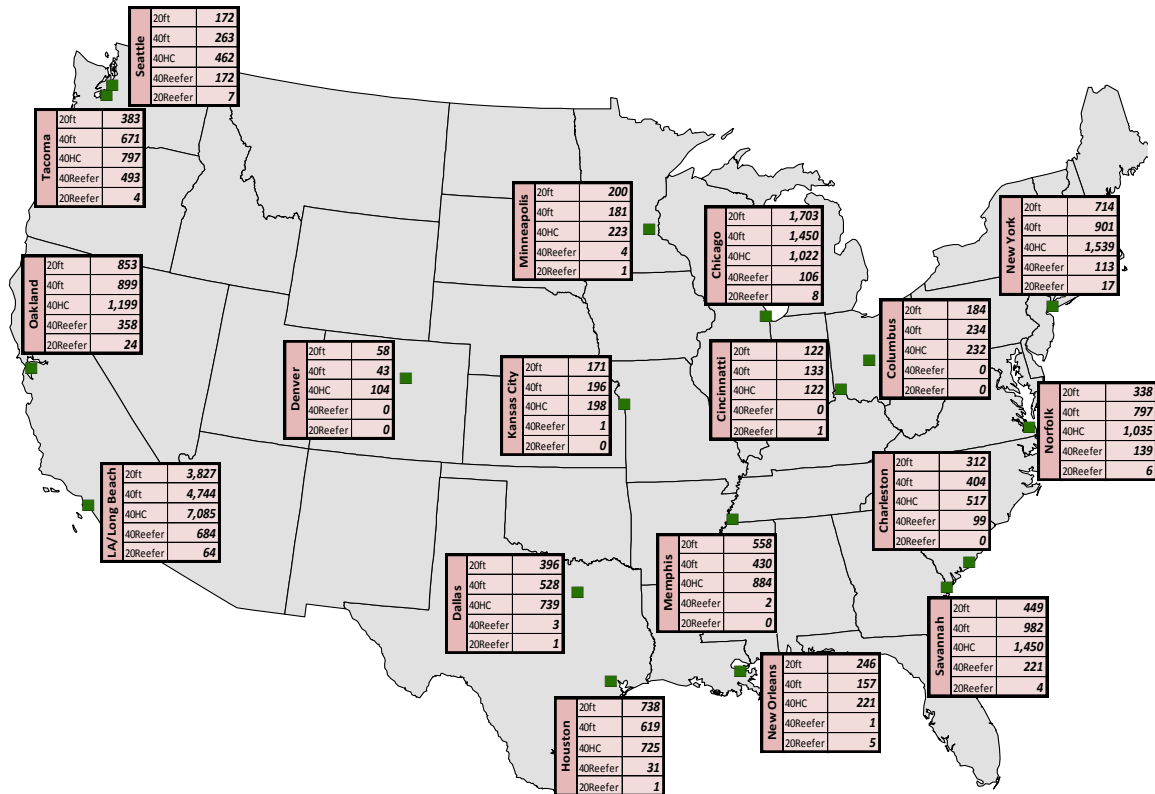
- Source: USDA/Agricultural Marketing Service/Transportation Services Division analysis of Port Import Export Reporting Service (PIERS) data.
- Estimates of zero indicate the demand for containers matches the supply. Estimates that are below zero indicate the demand for containers is greater than the supply. Estimates above zero indicate the supply of containers is greater than the demand.

# National Overview

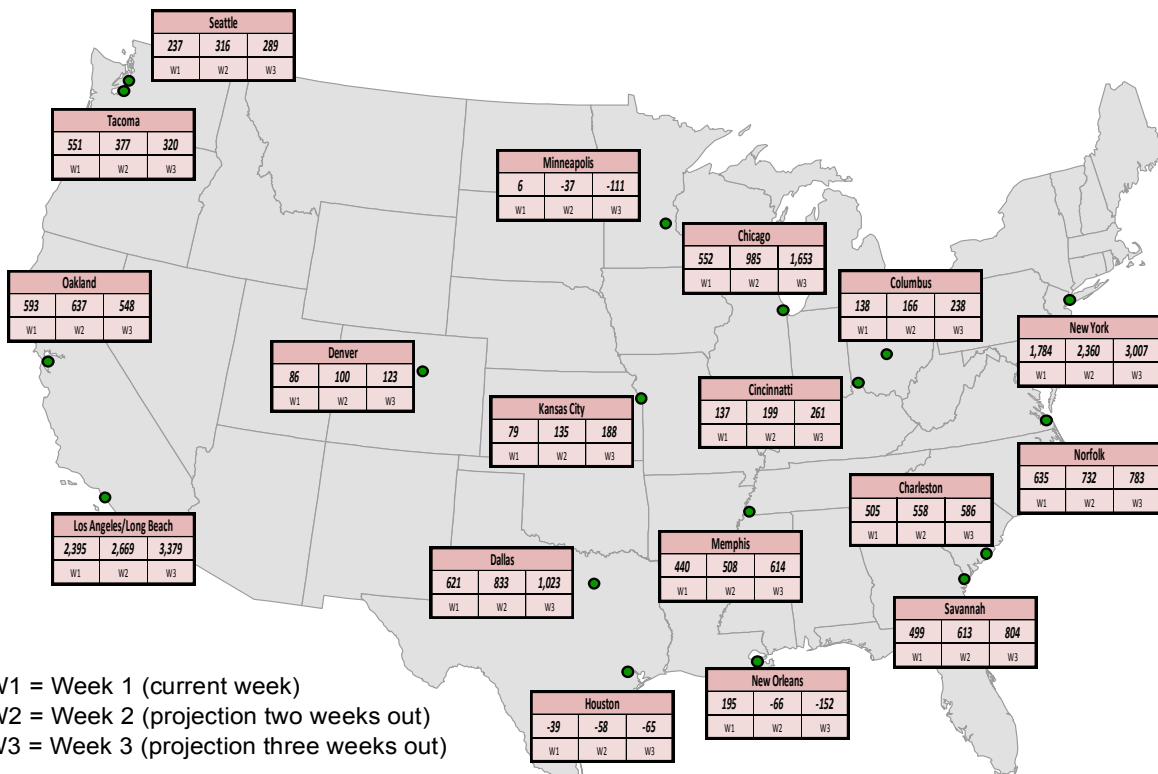
## Week of May 7-13, 2014



### Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput



### Average Weekly Availability for 20ft Dry Containers



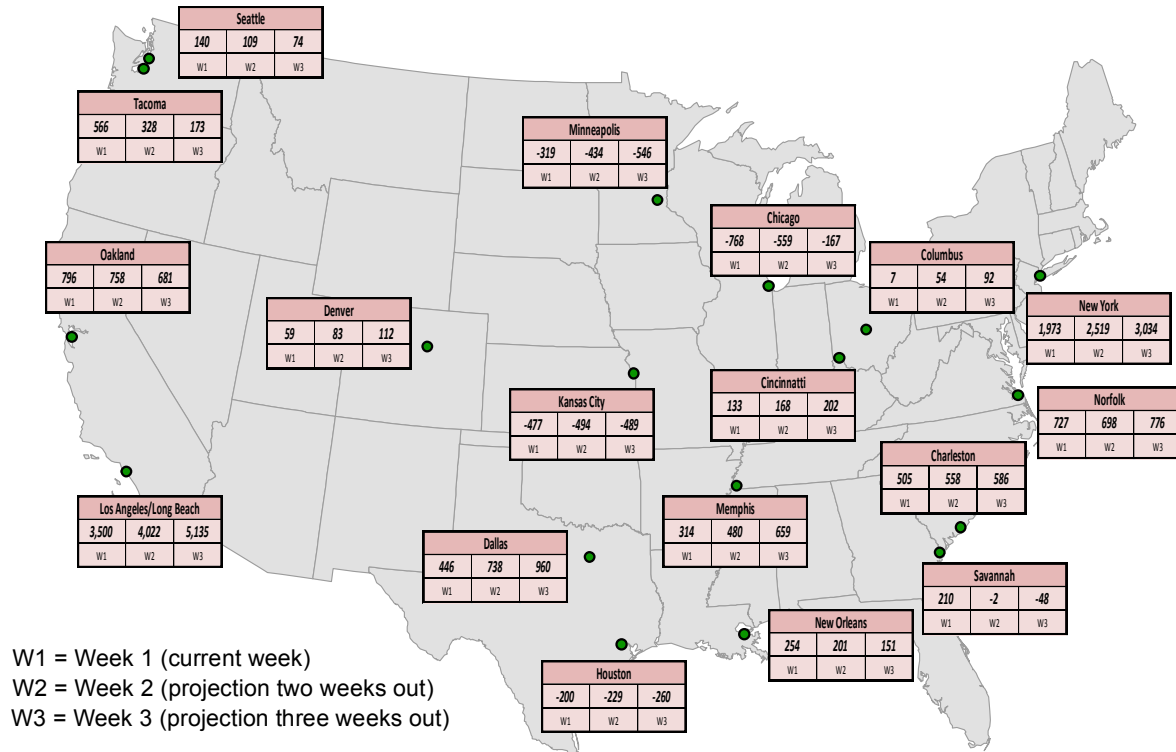
W1 = Week 1 (current week)  
W2 = Week 2 (projection two weeks out)  
W3 = Week 3 (projection three weeks out)

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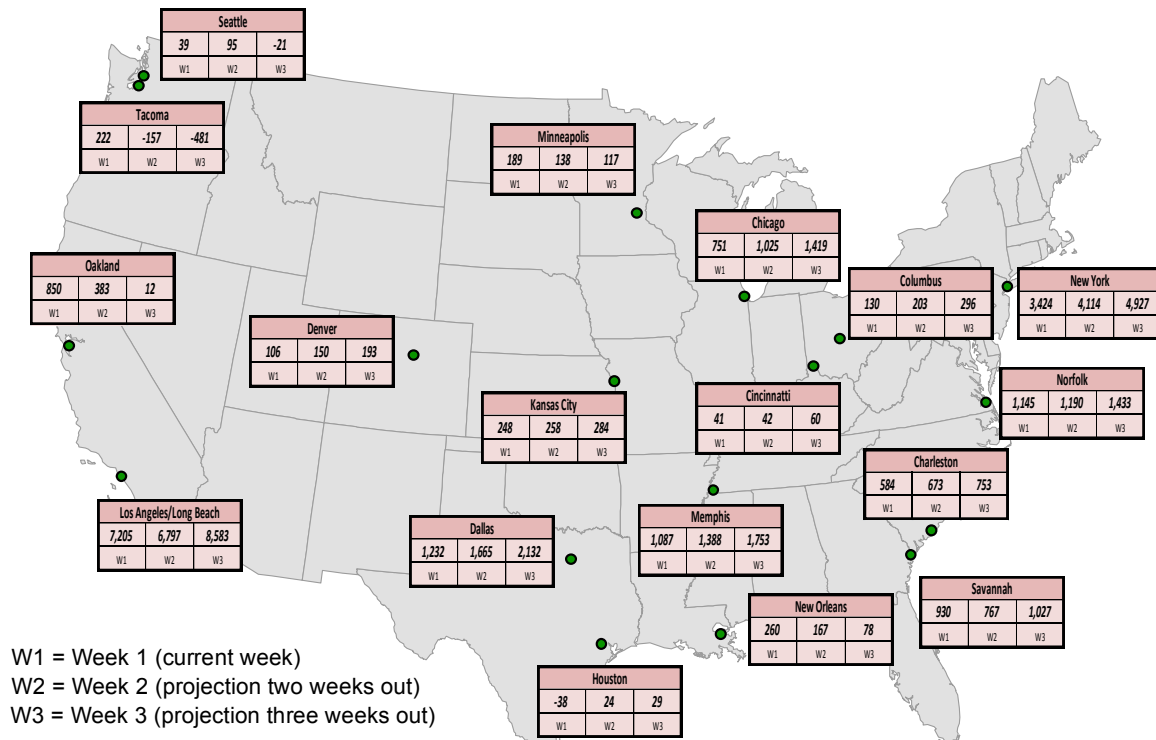
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### Average Weekly Availability for 40ft Dry Containers



### Average Weekly Availability for 40ft High Cube Containers



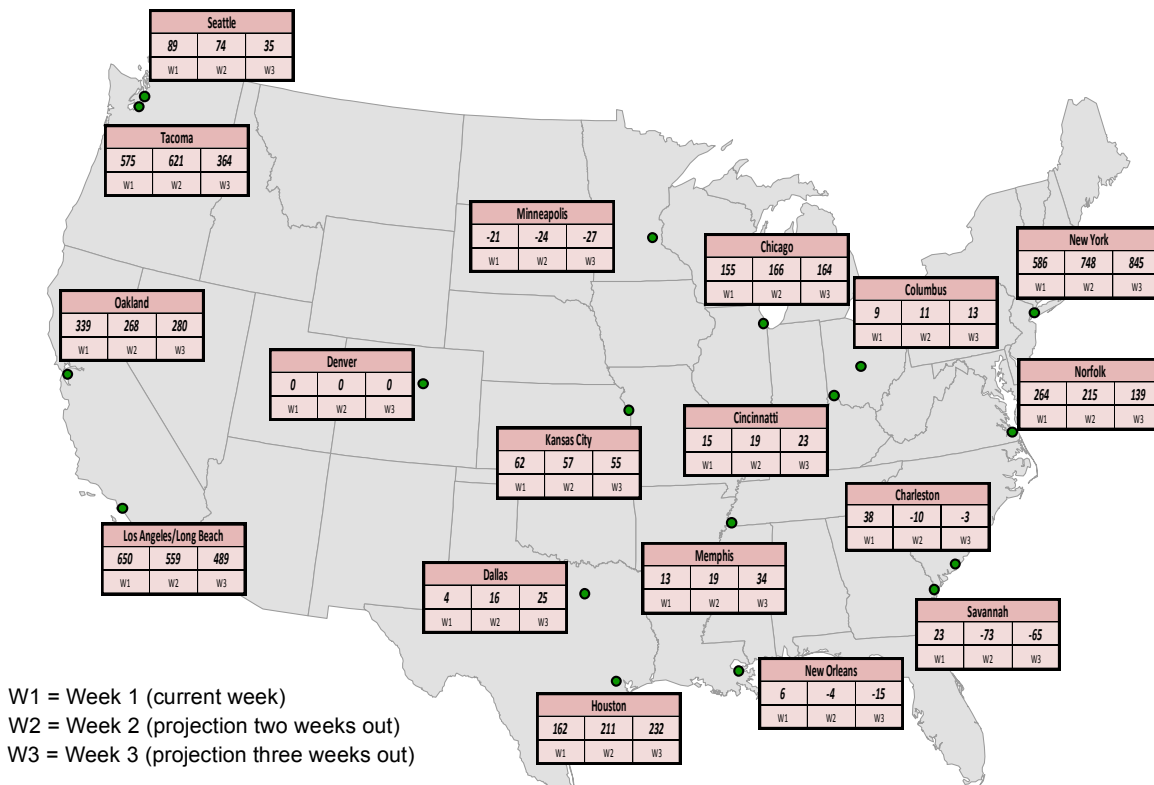


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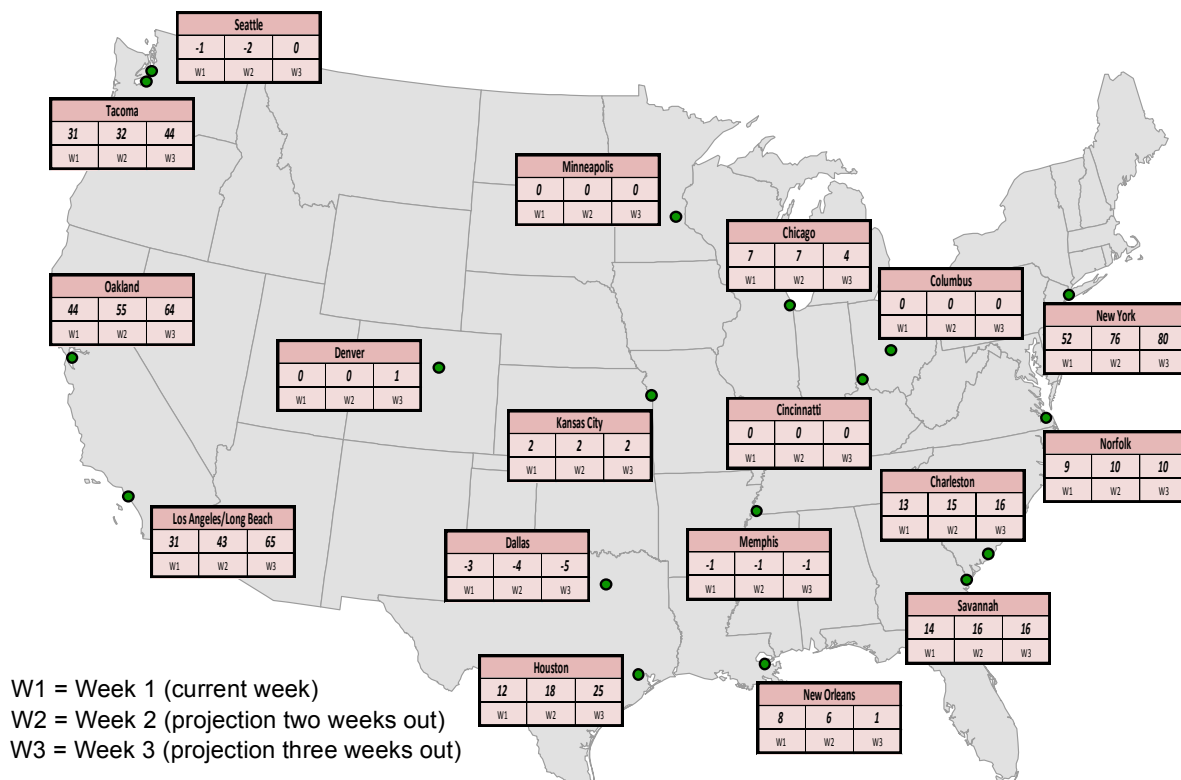
## Week of May 7-13, 2014



### Average Weekly Availability for 40ft Refrigerated Containers



### Average Weekly Availability for 20ft Refrigerated Containers





Charleston											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Responses										Total
Current Week: May 7-13	164	137	75	75	50	4	.	.	.	.	505
Week 2: May 14-20	186	120	79	114	50	9	.	.	.	.	558
Week 3: May 21-27	171	115	92	150	50	8	.	.	.	.	586
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Responses										Total
Current Week: May 7-13	209	115	100	90	39	8	.	.	.	.	561
Week 2: May 14-20	195	132	122	90	68	8	.	.	.	.	615
Week 3: May 21-27	180	155	132	90	83	7	.	.	.	.	647
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 7-13	266	150	80	71	14	3	.	.	.	.	584
Week 2: May 14-20	377	150	88	76	-26	8	.	.	.	.	673
Week 3: May 21-27	487	150	53	74	-16	5	.	.	.	.	753
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 7-13	39	18	5	5	3	-32	.	.	.	.	38
Week 2: May 14-20	28	20	5	5	1	-69	.	.	.	.	-10
Week 3: May 21-27	21	22	5	5	1	-57	.	.	.	.	-3
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 7-13	9	4	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	13
Week 2: May 14-20	10	5	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	15
Week 3: May 21-27	10	6	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	16

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	312	0...108
40ft	404	0...200
40ft High Cubes	517	17...200
40ft Refrigerated	99	0...60
20ft Refrigerated	0	0...0

\*Data reflect the sum of the individual carriers' average weekly throughput over a 6-month timeframe



Chicago											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 7-13	383	149	119	43	8	-150	.	.	.	.	552
Week 2: May 14-20	689	128	288	22	8	-150	.	.	.	.	985
Week 3: May 21-27	1,004	256	516	20	7	-150	.	.	.	.	1,653
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 7-13	307	177	29	-5	-151	-1125	.	.	.	.	-768
Week 2: May 14-20	411	280	-3	-4	-118	-1125	.	.	.	.	-559
Week 3: May 21-27	523	399	-5	-5	46	-1125	.	.	.	.	-167
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 7-13	1,102	211	21	16	1	-600	.	.	.	.	751
Week 2: May 14-20	1,273	232	94	24	2	-600	.	.	.	.	1,025
Week 3: May 21-27	1,497	260	238	22	2	-600	.	.	.	.	1,419
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 7-13	87	43	25	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	155
Week 2: May 14-20	94	42	30	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	166
Week 3: May 21-27	97	37	30	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	164
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 7-13	16	-9	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	7
Week 2: May 14-20	15	-8	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	7
Week 3: May 21-27	14	-10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	4

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	1,703	93...600
40ft	1,450	5...302
40ft High Cubes	1,022	34...405
40ft Refrigerated	106	0...51
20ft Refrigerated	8	0...4

\*Data reflect the sum of the individual carriers' average weekly throughput over a 6-month timeframe



Cincinnati											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 7-13	72	33	12	11	5	4	.	.	.	.	137
Week 2: May 14-20	93	59	11	29	5	2	.	.	.	.	199
Week 3: May 21-27	121	77	10	47	5	1	.	.	.	.	261
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 7-13	57	44	24	14	4	-10	.	.	.	.	133
Week 2: May 14-20	65	60	43	12	-2	-10	.	.	.	.	168
Week 3: May 21-27	75	76	46	16	-1	-10	.	.	.	.	202
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 7-13	54	20	18	14	-15	-50	.	.	.	.	41
Week 2: May 14-20	62	34	10	5	-19	-50	.	.	.	.	42
Week 3: May 21-27	72	43	11	3	-19	-50	.	.	.	.	60
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 7-13	15	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	15
Week 2: May 14-20	19	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	19
Week 3: May 21-27	23	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	23
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 7-13	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 2: May 14-20	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 3: May 21-27	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	122	7...35
40ft	133	8...30
40ft High Cubes	122	11...35
40ft Refrigerated	0	0...0
20ft Refrigerated	1	0...1

\*Data reflect the sum of the individual carriers' average weekly throughput over a 6-month timeframe





Columbus											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 7-13	71	63	10	6	-2	-10	.	.	.	.	138
Week 2: May 14-20	91	61	8	5	11	-10	.	.	.	.	166
Week 3: May 21-27	120	91	12	3	22	-10	.	.	.	.	238
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 7-13	24	11	10	10	2	-50	.	.	.	.	7
Week 2: May 14-20	45	27	20	11	1	-50	.	.	.	.	54
Week 3: May 21-27	55	41	32	14	0	-50	.	.	.	.	92
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 7-13	81	54	19	15	1	-40	.	.	.	.	130
Week 2: May 14-20	116	65	48	15	-1	-40	.	.	.	.	203
Week 3: May 21-27	177	77	74	10	-2	-40	.	.	.	.	296
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 7-13	9	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	9
Week 2: May 14-20	11	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	11
Week 3: May 21-27	13	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	13
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 7-13	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 2: May 14-20	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 3: May 21-27	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	184	8...60
40ft	234	6...80
40ft High Cubes	232	15...60
40ft Refrigerated	0	0...0
20ft Refrigerated	0	0...0

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Dallas											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 7-13	209	148	123	85	50	6	.	.	.	.	621
Week 2: May 14-20	255	261	179	82	50	6	.	.	.	.	833
Week 3: May 21-27	298	372	218	78	50	7	.	.	.	.	1,023
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 7-13	207	190	99	10	10	-70	.	.	.	.	446
Week 2: May 14-20	271	320	100	106	11	-70	.	.	.	.	738
Week 3: May 21-27	353	365	92	209	11	-70	.	.	.	.	960
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 7-13	388	285	222	210	118	9	.	.	.	.	1,232
Week 2: May 14-20	543	453	177	210	274	8	.	.	.	.	1,665
Week 3: May 21-27	718	590	168	210	437	9	.	.	.	.	2,132
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 7-13	8	0	-4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	4
Week 2: May 14-20	21	0	-5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	16
Week 3: May 21-27	31	0	-6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	25
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 7-13	-3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-3
Week 2: May 14-20	-4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-4
Week 3: May 21-27	-5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-5

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	396	5...150
40ft	528	12...250
40ft High Cubes	739	22...250
40ft Refrigerated	3	0...3
20ft Refrigerated	1	0...1

\*Data reflect the sum of the individual carriers' average weekly throughput over a 6-month timeframe



Denver											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 7-13	57	25	5	5	2	-8	.	.	.	.	86
Week 2: May 14-20	68	17	5	14	3	-7	.	.	.	.	100
Week 3: May 21-27	89	16	5	18	2	-7	.	.	.	.	123
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 7-13	46	7	6	3	1	-4	.	.	.	.	59
Week 2: May 14-20	68	-8	10	12	1	0	.	.	.	.	83
Week 3: May 21-27	89	-8	12	17	1	1	.	.	.	.	112
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 7-13	101	37	25	7	6	-70	.	.	.	.	106
Week 2: May 14-20	143	40	28	6	3	-70	.	.	.	.	150
Week 3: May 21-27	186	44	26	5	2	-70	.	.	.	.	193
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 7-13	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 2: May 14-20	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 3: May 21-27	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 7-13	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 2: May 14-20	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 3: May 21-27	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	58	3...17
40ft	43	1...10
40ft High Cubes	104	1...50
40ft Refrigerated	0	0...0
20ft Refrigerated	0	0...0

\*Data reflect the sum of the individual carriers' average weekly throughput over a 6-month timeframe



Houston											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 7-13	150	64	10	5	-11	-257	.	.	.	.	-39
Week 2: May 14-20	150	62	5	18	18	-311	.	.	.	.	-58
Week 3: May 21-27	150	74	4	38	15	-346	.	.	.	.	-65
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 7-13	177	147	16	2	-100	-442	.	.	.	.	-200
Week 2: May 14-20	219	149	7	2	-100	-506	.	.	.	.	-229
Week 3: May 21-27	258	181	5	3	-100	-607	.	.	.	.	-260
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 7-13	174	137	12	5	-125	-241	.	.	.	.	-38
Week 2: May 14-20	198	190	-4	5	-125	-240	.	.	.	.	24
Week 3: May 21-27	242	252	-6	2	-125	-336	.	.	.	.	29
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 7-13	100	55	5	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	162
Week 2: May 14-20	100	88	21	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	211
Week 3: May 21-27	100	94	36	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	232
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 7-13	20	0	-8	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	12
Week 2: May 14-20	25	0	-7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	18
Week 3: May 21-27	31	0	-6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	25

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	738	50...316
40ft	619	50...126
40ft High Cubes	725	26...355
40ft Refrigerated	31	0...12
20ft Refrigerated	1	0...1

\*Data reflect the sum of the individual carriers' average weekly throughput over a 6-month timeframe





Kansas City											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 7-13	83	6	1	0	-5	-6	.	.	.	.	79
Week 2: May 14-20	109	28	1	2	-5	0	.	.	.	.	135
Week 3: May 21-27	139	49	1	5	-5	-1	.	.	.	.	188
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 7-13	30	16	-5	-8	-10	-500	.	.	.	.	-477
Week 2: May 14-20	40	6	-17	-8	-15	-500	.	.	.	.	-494
Week 3: May 21-27	42	9	-12	-10	-18	-500	.	.	.	.	-489
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 7-13	200	71	27	-14	-17	-19	.	.	.	.	248
Week 2: May 14-20	200	85	37	-10	-33	-21	.	.	.	.	258
Week 3: May 21-27	200	108	36	-11	-26	-23	.	.	.	.	284
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 7-13	32	30	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	62
Week 2: May 14-20	24	33	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	57
Week 3: May 21-27	19	36	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	55
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 7-13	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
Week 2: May 14-20	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
Week 3: May 21-27	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	171	7...60
40ft	196	9...75
40ft High Cubes	198	14...59
40ft Refrigerated	1	0...1
20ft Refrigerated	0	0...0

\*Data reflect the sum of the individual carriers' average weekly throughput over a 6-month timeframe



Los Angeles and Long Beach											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 7-13	775	500	463	438	179	40	.	.	.	.	2,395
Week 2: May 14-20	690	500	651	479	307	42	.	.	.	.	2,669
Week 3: May 21-27	675	500	822	904	448	30	.	.	.	.	3,379
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 7-13	996	934	800	650	70	50	.	.	.	.	3,500
Week 2: May 14-20	1,318	819	800	919	116	50	.	.	.	.	4,022
Week 3: May 21-27	2,076	790	800	1,265	159	45	.	.	.	.	5,135
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 7-13	3,000	2,095	1,520	553	50	-13	.	.	.	.	7,205
Week 2: May 14-20	3,000	2,360	1,323	226	48	-160	.	.	.	.	6,797
Week 3: May 21-27	3,000	4,191	1,220	431	49	-308	.	.	.	.	8,583
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 7-13	295	119	80	75	71	10	.	.	.	.	650
Week 2: May 14-20	250	-1	126	75	94	15	.	.	.	.	559
Week 3: May 21-27	382	-181	68	75	125	20	.	.	.	.	489
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 7-13	27	10	-6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	31
Week 2: May 14-20	42	10	-9	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	43
Week 3: May 21-27	59	10	-4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	65

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	3,827	46...2500
40ft	4,744	83...3000
40ft High Cubes	7,085	203...3300
40ft Refrigerated	684	21...300
20ft Refrigerated	64	1...50

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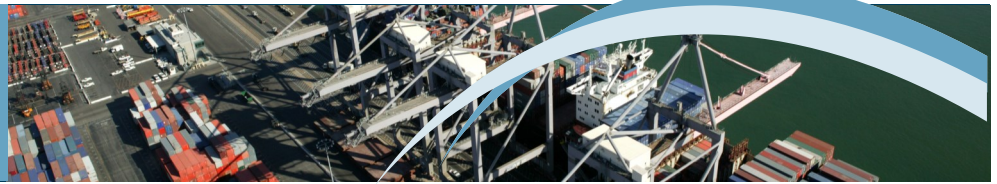


Memphis											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 7-13	145	132	115	30	14	4	.	.	.	.	440
Week 2: May 14-20	198	120	155	30	3	2	.	.	.	.	508
Week 3: May 21-27	253	135	192	30	1	3	.	.	.	.	614
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 7-13	161	144	40	9	2	-42	.	.	.	.	314
Week 2: May 14-20	281	175	40	0	1	-17	.	.	.	.	480
Week 3: May 21-27	386	219	40	0	1	13	.	.	.	.	659
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 7-13	500	387	96	83	18	3	.	.	.	.	1,087
Week 2: May 14-20	500	609	133	157	-17	6	.	.	.	.	1,388
Week 3: May 21-27	500	848	195	234	-28	4	.	.	.	.	1,753
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 7-13	8	5	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	13
Week 2: May 14-20	11	8	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	19
Week 3: May 21-27	23	11	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	34
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 7-13	-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-1
Week 2: May 14-20	-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-1
Week 3: May 21-27	-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-1

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	558	11...300
40ft	430	11...200
40ft High Cubes	884	9...600
40ft Refrigerated	2	0...2
20ft Refrigerated	0	0...0

\*Data reflect the sum of the individual carriers' average weekly throughput over a 6-month timeframe



Minneapolis											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 7-13	110	102	15	1	-6	-216	.	.	.	.	6
Week 2: May 14-20	129	102	15	2	-7	-278	.	.	.	.	-37
Week 3: May 21-27	134	111	15	0	-7	-364	.	.	.	.	-111
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 7-13	55	32	-8	-20	-178	-200	.	.	.	.	-319
Week 2: May 14-20	55	12	-8	-44	-249	-200	.	.	.	.	-434
Week 3: May 21-27	22	11	-8	-48	-323	-200	.	.	.	.	-546
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 7-13	106	70	36	14	-8	-29	.	.	.	.	189
Week 2: May 14-20	111	70	-7	8	-8	-36	.	.	.	.	138
Week 3: May 21-27	117	70	-44	5	-9	-22	.	.	.	.	117
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 7-13	0	-21	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-21
Week 2: May 14-20	0	-24	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-24
Week 3: May 21-27	0	-27	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-27
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 7-13	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 2: May 14-20	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 3: May 21-27	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	200	3...102
40ft	181	1...80
40ft High Cubes	223	2...144
40ft Refrigerated	4	0...4
20ft Refrigerated	1	0...1

\*Data reflect the sum of the individual carriers' average weekly throughput over a 6-month timeframe





New Orleans											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 7-13	140	33	10	9	3	0	.	.	.	.	195
Week 2: May 14-20	-112	24	10	11	1	0	.	.	.	.	-66
Week 3: May 21-27	-185	9	10	14	0	0	.	.	.	.	-152
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 7-13	242	11	3	0	-1	-1	.	.	.	.	254
Week 2: May 14-20	197	8	3	0	0	-7	.	.	.	.	201
Week 3: May 21-27	146	9	4	0	-1	-7	.	.	.	.	151
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 7-13	176	55	21	10	0	-2	.	.	.	.	260
Week 2: May 14-20	80	59	18	11	0	-1	.	.	.	.	167
Week 3: May 21-27	-14	69	14	11	0	-2	.	.	.	.	78
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 7-13	8	0	-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	6
Week 2: May 14-20	2	0	-6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-4
Week 3: May 21-27	-4	0	-11	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-15
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 7-13	6	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	8
Week 2: May 14-20	6	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	6
Week 3: May 21-27	6	-5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	246	5...158
40ft	157	5...80
40ft High Cubes	221	5...139
40ft Refrigerated	1	0...1
20ft Refrigerated	5	0...5

\*Data reflect the sum of the individual carriers' average weekly throughput over a 6-month timeframe



New York											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 7-13	612	350	333	273	198	18	.	.	.	.	1,784
Week 2: May 14-20	1,010	350	462	216	298	24	.	.	.	.	2,360
Week 3: May 21-27	1,430	350	579	205	422	21	.	.	.	.	3,007
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 7-13	579	469	446	300	164	15	.	.	.	.	1,973
Week 2: May 14-20	874	649	577	300	99	20	.	.	.	.	2,519
Week 3: May 21-27	1,168	814	649	300	88	15	.	.	.	.	3,034
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 7-13	1,076	800	749	555	224	20	.	.	.	.	3,424
Week 2: May 14-20	1,315	800	1,194	627	145	33	.	.	.	.	4,114
Week 3: May 21-27	1,493	800	1,627	839	138	30	.	.	.	.	4,927
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 7-13	190	180	132	64	10	10	.	.	.	.	586
Week 2: May 14-20	264	269	145	50	10	10	.	.	.	.	748
Week 3: May 21-27	311	317	174	23	10	10	.	.	.	.	845
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 7-13	25	22	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	52
Week 2: May 14-20	27	44	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	76
Week 3: May 21-27	29	46	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	80

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	714	3...150
40ft	901	56...250
40ft High Cubes	1,539	87...400
40ft Refrigerated	113	0...36
20ft Refrigerated	17	0...10

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Norfolk											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 7-13	215	211	100	57	35	17	.	.	.	.	635
Week 2: May 14-20	307	242	100	27	40	16	.	.	.	.	732
Week 3: May 21-27	396	257	100	8	10	12	.	.	.	.	783
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 7-13	288	176	144	100	13	6	.	.	.	.	727
Week 2: May 14-20	279	173	138	100	1	7	.	.	.	.	698
Week 3: May 21-27	361	186	119	100	0	10	.	.	.	.	776
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 7-13	398	280	250	247	8	-38	.	.	.	.	1,145
Week 2: May 14-20	374	406	250	196	6	-42	.	.	.	.	1,190
Week 3: May 21-27	449	540	250	239	5	-50	.	.	.	.	1,433
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 7-13	144	109	10	10	10	-19	.	.	.	.	264
Week 2: May 14-20	126	73	12	10	15	-21	.	.	.	.	215
Week 3: May 21-27	83	15	15	10	30	-14	.	.	.	.	139
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 7-13	8	1	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	9
Week 2: May 14-20	8	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	10
Week 3: May 21-27	8	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	10

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	338	1...175
40ft	797	8...200
40ft High Cubes	1,035	74...300
40ft Refrigerated	139	0...58
20ft Refrigerated	6	0...5

\*Data reflect the sum of the individual carriers' average weekly throughput over a 6-month timeframe



Oakland											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 7-13	327	175	76	11	5	-1	.	.	.	.	593
Week 2: May 14-20	352	175	33	75	5	-3	.	.	.	.	637
Week 3: May 21-27	327	175	-19	70	5	-10	.	.	.	.	548
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 7-13	476	156	71	70	19	4	.	.	.	.	796
Week 2: May 14-20	451	90	106	70	38	3	.	.	.	.	758
Week 3: May 21-27	389	40	145	70	32	5	.	.	.	.	681
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 7-13	440	317	250	166	8	-331	.	.	.	.	850
Week 2: May 14-20	490	-137	250	147	7	-374	.	.	.	.	383
Week 3: May 21-27	529	-507	250	117	3	-380	.	.	.	.	12
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 7-13	281	109	30	19	10	-110	.	.	.	.	339
Week 2: May 14-20	239	73	30	10	-5	-79	.	.	.	.	268
Week 3: May 21-27	244	116	30	0	-5	-105	.	.	.	.	280
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 7-13	29	10	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	44
Week 2: May 14-20	39	10	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	55
Week 3: May 21-27	49	10	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	64

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	853	26...250
40ft	899	14...300
40ft High Cubes	1,199	34...400
40ft Refrigerated	358	26...120
20ft Refrigerated	24	0...8

\*Data reflect the sum of the individual carriers' average weekly throughput over a 6-month timeframe





Savannah											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 7-13	206	77	75	70	67	4	.	.	.	.	499
Week 2: May 14-20	256	163	75	48	65	6	.	.	.	.	613
Week 3: May 21-27	316	245	75	101	60	7	.	.	.	.	804
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 7-13	478	75	22	8	-66	-307	.	.	.	.	210
Week 2: May 14-20	342	75	49	7	-39	-436	.	.	.	.	-2
Week 3: May 21-27	391	75	87	4	-42	-563	.	.	.	.	-48
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 7-13	825	300	166	50	0	-411	.	.	.	.	930
Week 2: May 14-20	710	300	232	-4	0	-471	.	.	.	.	767
Week 3: May 21-27	926	300	330	-6	0	-523	.	.	.	.	1,027
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 7-13	86	75	10	-17	-31	-100	.	.	.	.	23
Week 2: May 14-20	45	51	10	-19	-60	-100	.	.	.	.	-73
Week 3: May 21-27	61	37	10	-21	-52	-100	.	.	.	.	-65
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 7-13	9	4	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	14
Week 2: May 14-20	9	6	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	16
Week 3: May 21-27	9	6	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	16

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	449	0...150
40ft	982	0...409
40ft High Cubes	1,450	21...385
40ft Refrigerated	221	0...80
20ft Refrigerated	4	0...2

\*Data reflect the sum of the individual carriers' average weekly throughput over a 6-month timeframe



Seattle											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 7-13	150	72	10	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	237
Week 2: May 14-20	150	139	19	8	.	.	.	.	.	.	316
Week 3: May 21-27	150	106	24	9	.	.	.	.	.	.	289
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 7-13	85	38	15	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	140
Week 2: May 14-20	50	39	15	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	109
Week 3: May 21-27	19	31	15	9	.	.	.	.	.	.	74
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 7-13	35	8	6	-10	.	.	.	.	.	.	39
Week 2: May 14-20	35	-70	4	126	.	.	.	.	.	.	95
Week 3: May 21-27	35	-126	9	61	.	.	.	.	.	.	-21
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 7-13	68	20	16	-15	.	.	.	.	.	.	89
Week 2: May 14-20	53	20	11	-10	.	.	.	.	.	.	74
Week 3: May 21-27	15	20	8	-8	.	.	.	.	.	.	35
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 7-13	1	-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-1
Week 2: May 14-20	1	-3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-2
Week 3: May 21-27	1	-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	172	29...70
40ft	263	7...91
40ft High Cubes	462	104...148
40ft Refrigerated	172	0...122
20ft Refrigerated	7	0...5

\*Data reflect the sum of the individual carriers' average weekly throughput over a 6-month timeframe



Tacoma											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 7-13	264	172	112	8	-5	.	.	.	.	.	551
Week 2: May 14-20	262	10	103	7	-5	.	.	.	.	.	377
Week 3: May 21-27	300	-80	98	7	-5	.	.	.	.	.	320
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 7-13	587	8	1	-5	-25	.	.	.	.	.	566
Week 2: May 14-20	399	8	1	-49	-31	.	.	.	.	.	328
Week 3: May 21-27	280	12	1	-53	-67	.	.	.	.	.	173
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 7-13	702	60	8	-3	-545	.	.	.	.	.	222
Week 2: May 14-20	338	60	9	-69	-495	.	.	.	.	.	-157
Week 3: May 21-27	134	60	10	-173	-512	.	.	.	.	.	-481
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 7-13	435	359	5	0	-224	.	.	.	.	.	575
Week 2: May 14-20	451	395	5	0	-230	.	.	.	.	.	621
Week 3: May 21-27	246	391	5	0	-278	.	.	.	.	.	364
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 7-13	30	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	31
Week 2: May 14-20	31	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	32
Week 3: May 21-27	43	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	44

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	383	1...300
40ft	671	15...500
40ft High Cubes	797	76...600
40ft Refrigerated	493	0...203
20ft Refrigerated	4	0...4

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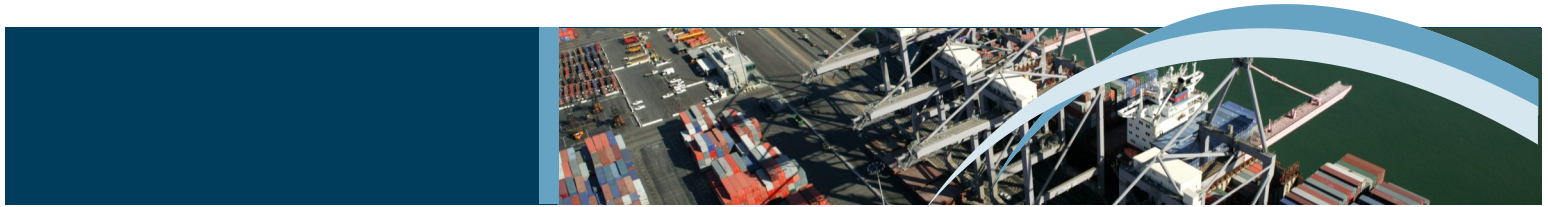


## Understanding this Report

The weekly Ocean Shipping Container Availability Report (OCSAR) provides a snapshot of container availability for westbound transpacific trade lanes at select intermodal locations around the country. The data presented in this report are gathered from 6 member carriers in the Transpacific Stabilization Agreement (TSA). The TSA carriers include COSCO, Evergreen, Hanjin Shipping, Hapag Lloyd, Yang Ming Transport Corporation, and OOCL.

- The data are estimates of container availability per week by the participating carriers. The carriers determine container availability by comparing current supplies at each of the 18 intermodal locations with the demand for these containers based on up-to-date bookings or reservation information in the westbound transpacific trade lane.
- Each week, participating carriers report the estimated number of containers available for the current week (W1) as well as estimates for the subsequent 2 weeks (W2 and W3).
- Maps on pages 3–5 offer a national overview of weekly container availability, as well as an average of availability over the past 6 months. The weekly national data are derived from the sum of the individual carrier responses at each intermodal location.
- Individual carrier responses are presented by location on pages 6–23 and have been sorted from largest to smallest. To maintain carrier confidentiality, specific carrier identification is not provided.
- Carrier responses showing negative numbers, such as -29, should be interpreted as meaning that 29 containers are needed by shippers but the carrier is not able to supply them. A positive number, such as 64, would mean 64 containers are available that are not demanded. An indication of 0 means the carriers have the exact amount of containers needed based on current supply and demand estimates.
- In addition to the weekly container availability data, the participating carriers provide average weekly throughput data for the past 6 months. These data help readers understand the aggregate flow of containers that have moved through the 18 select locations by the 8 participating carriers over the previous 6 months. These data will only be updated every 6 months.
- Availability levels are subject to change, and may be affected by delays in return of equipment to carriers by shippers or consignees, and by free time restrictions imposed by railroads. Due to the dynamic nature of the container industry, carriers cannot be held responsible for the level of availability at the time of inquiry.
- Data presented in the report do not imply availability of chassis.
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  - 20ft Dry Container (20ft): A standard shipping container that is 20 feet long.
  - 40ft Dry Container (40ft): A standard shipping container that is 40 feet long.
  - 40ft High-Cube (HC): A shipping container which is 40 feet long and 9 feet, 6 inches tall (1 foot taller than a standard 40ft dry container).
  - 40ft reefer: A refrigerated shipping container which is 40 feet long.
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  - Chassis: A wheeled frame to which a shipping container can be locked for storage or movement. (Plural chassis)





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